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(The Double Wooden Laird House)
New Castle, New Castle County, Delaware,
49 - 51 The Strand.

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Owner: Philip D. Laird.

Date of Erection: Approximately mid 18th century.

Present Condition: Fair as to care, many small changes from original condition. Some interesting early features, stairs, paneling, etc., remain., later changes in rear of houses, plumbing, heating and lighting.

Number of Stories: Two and a half with rear two stories addition.

Materials of Construction: Frame, masonry cellar, brick chimneys, structural wood work, presumably mortised and pegged, but concealed. Clapboards, flush jointed, shingle roof.

Other Existing Records: New Castle on the Delaware, Delaware Federal Writers' Project, Works Progress Administration, Sponsored and Published by the New Castle Historical Society.

Additional Data: This type of frame house, with flush clapboard joints, is almost unused in this district and is in remarkable state of preservation considering the age and the 1824 fire which is said to have damaged No. 49 Strand. (Some changes in windows and boarding indicate this is possible).

The front door is from the Thorn house, Wilmington, and replaces two doorways originally there. It gives distinction to the house and has attractive detail.

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